

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

December 2014

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering December 7th to 13th, 2014, there were 567,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 100 from November 2014 and 14,000 more than the number employed in December 2013.

Agricultural employment was 41,400 persons in December 2014, down 800 from the November 2014 level and 700 less than the December 2013 agricultural employment level of 42,100. Non-agricultural employment was 526,300 persons in December 2014. This is an increase of 900 from the November 2014 non-agriculture employment level of 525,400 and 14,700 more than December 2013.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for December 2014 was 3.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the November 2014 rate of 3.2 percent but 0.2 percentage points lower than the December 2013 level of 3.5 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 900 to 587,100 persons in December 2014 from 586,200 persons in November 2014. This is 13,200 more than the December 2013 labour force of 573,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate was unchanged at 69.2 percentage in December 2014 compared to November 2014. The December 2013 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.8 percent.

There were 19,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during December 2014. This is an increase of 800 from November 2014 but is 700 less than the number unemployed in December 2013.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 572,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan in December 2014, up 700 from the November 2014 level of 572,100 and is up 14,800 from the December 2013 employment level of 558,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2014 was 3.6 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the November 2014 rate of 3.4 percent and 0.3 percentage points lower than the December 2013 rate of 3.9 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 89,800 persons in December 2014 to 17,871,900 persons from 17,961,700 persons in November 2014. In December 2013, there were 17,681,500 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points in December 2014 to 6.1 percent from the November 2014 level of 6.2 percent. In December 2013, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.6 percent in December 2014. This is the same as November 2014 but 0.6 percentage points lower than the December 2013 level of 7.2 percent.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	December 2014	November 2014	December 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,034.7	19,141.5	18,950.3	-106.8	84.4
Employed ('000)	17,871.9	17,961.7	17,681.5	-89.8	190.4
Full-Time ('000)	14,363.1	14,417.0	14,150.9	-53.9	212.2
Part-Time ('000)	3,508.8	3,544.7	3,530.6	-35.9	-21.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,162.7	1,179.8	1,268.8	-17.1	-106.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.2	6.7	-0.1	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.6	6.6	7.2	0.0	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	65.6	65.7	-0.4	-0.5
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	587.1	586.2	573.9	0.9	13.2
Employed ('000)	567.7	567.6	553.7	0.1	14.0
Full-Time ('000)	463.3	466.2	445.9	-2.9	17.4
Part-Time ('000)	104.4	101.4	107.8	3.0	-3.4
Unemployed ('000)	19.4	18.6	20.1	0.8	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.2	3.5	0.1	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.6	3.4	3.9	0.2	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	69.2	68.8	0.0	0.4
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,403.7	2,399.0	2,332.3	4.7	71.4
Employed ('000)	2,300.1	2,302.2	2,231.3	-2.1	68.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,906.5	1,902.9	1,851.7	3.6	54.8
Part-Time ('000)	393.6	399.3	379.6	-5.7	14.0
Unemployed ('000)	103.6	96.8	101.0	6.8	2.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.0	4.3	0.3	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.7	4.5	4.8	0.2	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	72.5	72.4	72.4	0.1	0.1
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	674.6	672.6	660.5	2.0	14.1
Employed ('000)	642.1	641.2	626.5	0.9	15.6
Full-Time ('000)	518.1	519.1	504.1	-1.0	14.0
Part-Time ('000)	124.1	122.0	122.4	2.1	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	32.5	31.5	34.0	1.0	-1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.7	5.1	0.1	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.1	5.5	0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.0	67.9	67.5	0.1	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December <u>2014</u>	November <u>2014</u>	December <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	587.1	586.2	573.9	0.9	13.2
Male	314.6	314.8	309.8	-0.2	4.8
Female	272.5	271.4	264.1	1.1	8.4
15-24 Years of Age	87.5	87.1	87.8	0.4	-0.3
25+ Years of age	499.6	499.1	486.1	0.5	13.5
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	567.7	567.6	553.7	0.1	14.0
Male	302.9	304.8	299.2	-1.9	3.7
Female	264.8	262.8	254.5	2.0	10.3
15-24 Years of Age	82.7	81.1	83.2	1.6	-0.5
25+ Years of age	485.0	486.5	470.5	-1.5	14.5
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	19.4	18.6	20.1	0.8	-0.7
Male	11.8	10.0	10.6	1.8	1.2
Female	7.6	8.6	9.5	-1.0	-1.9
15-24 Years of Age	4.8	6.1	4.5	-1.3	0.3
25+ Years of age	14.6	12.5	15.6	2.1	-1.0
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	3.3	3.2	3.5	0.1	-0.2
Male	3.8	3.2	3.4	0.6	0.4
Female	2.8	3.2	3.6	-0.4	-0.8
15-24 Years of Age	5.5	7.0	5.1	-1.5	0.4
25+ Years of age	2.9	2.5	3.2	0.4	-0.3
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	69.2	69.2	68.8	0.0	0.4
Male	74.1	74.3	74.4	-0.2	-0.3
Female	64.4	64.2	63.2	0.2	1.2
15-24 Years of Age	64.4	64.1	64.2	0.3	0.2
25+ Years of age	70.2	70.2	69.7	0.0	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	December 2014	November 2014	December 2013	Change from	
				Last Month	Last Year
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	41.4	42.2	42.1	-0.8	-0.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	27.7	28.8	22.3	-1.1	5.4
Utilities	6.7	6.0	7.1	0.7	-0.4
Construction	48.0	52.0	47.6	-4.0	0.4
Manufacturing	27.6	28.1	29.5	-0.5	-1.9
Trade	91.0	86.8	85.1	4.2	5.9
Transportation and Warehousing	25.0	25.2	29.8	-0.2	-4.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	33.8	33.5	29.6	0.3	4.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	24.9	27.1	28.9	-2.2	-4.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.3	15.2	12.7	0.1	2.6
Educational Services	48.0	47.1	46.2	0.9	1.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	72.5	69.8	70.7	2.7	1.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	16.4	15.6	20.1	0.8	-3.7
Accommodation and Food Services	33.0	33.1	31.1	-0.1	1.9
Other Services	25.4	26.5	23.0	-1.1	2.4
Public Administration	31.0	30.7	28.0	0.3	3.0
Total	567.7	567.6	553.7	0.1	14.0
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	463.3	466.2	445.9	-2.9	17.4
Part-Time	104.4	101.4	107.8	3.0	-3.4
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	460.0	456.4	448.7	3.6	11.3
Public Sector	140.5	137.9	134.5	2.6	6.0
Private Sector	319.5	318.5	314.2	1.0	5.3
Self-Employed	107.7	111.2	105.0	-3.5	2.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December <u>2014</u>	November <u>2014</u>	December <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,871.9	17,961.7	17,681.5	-89.8	190.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.7	227.6	227.9	-2.9	-3.2
Prince Edward Island	71.2	72.7	70.9	-1.5	0.3
Nova Scotia	444.1	446.7	445.9	-2.6	-1.8
New Brunswick	343.8	348.8	348.7	-5.0	-4.9
Quebec	3,998.9	4,040.7	4,013.6	-41.8	-14.7
Ontario	6,937.9	6,970.1	6,861.3	-32.2	76.6
Manitoba	642.1	641.2	626.5	0.9	15.6
Saskatchewan	567.7	567.6	553.7	0.1	14.0
Alberta	2,300.1	2,302.2	2,231.3	-2.1	68.8
British Columbia	2,341.3	2,344.1	2,301.8	-2.8	39.5

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)

Canada	6.1	6.2	6.7	-0.1	-0.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.1	10.8	11.1	0.3	0.0
Prince Edward Island	12.5	11.8	13.3	0.7	-0.8
Nova Scotia	7.8	8.3	8.6	-0.5	-0.8
New Brunswick	9.6	9.2	9.1	0.4	0.5
Quebec	7.1	7.1	7.4	0.0	-0.3
Ontario	6.3	6.3	7.1	0.0	-0.8
Manitoba	4.8	4.7	5.1	0.1	-0.3
Saskatchewan	3.3	3.2	3.5	0.1	-0.2
Alberta	4.3	4.0	4.3	0.3	0.0
British Columbia	4.9	5.6	6.1	-0.7	-1.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**(Seasonally Adjusted)**

	December <u>2014</u>	November <u>2014</u>	December <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,953.6	17,957.9	17,767.9	-4.3	185.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	228.9	230.3	234.0	-1.4	-5.1
Prince Edward Island	74.0	75.0	73.6	-1.0	0.4
Nova Scotia	447.5	449.1	449.5	-1.6	-2.0
New Brunswick	349.4	349.9	353.7	-0.5	-4.3
Quebec	4,029.7	4,036.4	4,045.5	-6.7	-15.8
Ontario	6,956.7	6,960.2	6,876.8	-3.5	79.9
Manitoba	643.9	642.0	630.5	1.9	13.4
Saskatchewan	572.8	572.1	558.0	0.7	14.8
Alberta	2,302.6	2,296.9	2,236.7	5.7	65.9
British Columbia	2,348.2	2,346.0	2,309.7	2.2	38.5
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.6	6.6	7.2	0.0	-0.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.3	10.7	10.8	0.6	0.5
Prince Edward Island	11.0	10.5	11.6	0.5	-0.6
Nova Scotia	8.3	8.8	9.2	-0.5	-0.9
New Brunswick	10.2	9.6	9.7	0.6	0.5
Quebec	7.5	7.6	7.7	-0.1	-0.2
Ontario	7.0	7.0	7.9	0.0	-0.9
Manitoba	5.2	5.1	5.5	0.1	-0.3
Saskatchewan	3.6	3.4	3.9	0.2	-0.3
Alberta	4.7	4.5	4.8	0.2	-0.1
British Columbia	5.4	5.8	6.6	-0.4	-1.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	December <u>2014</u>	November <u>2014</u>	December <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	5.1	5.4	5.8	-0.3	-0.7
Halifax	5.7	5.8	6.4	-0.1	-0.7
Saint John	7.0	7.5	6.0	-0.5	1.0
Quebec	4.9	4.5	4.2	0.4	0.7
Montreal	7.5	7.7	7.4	-0.2	0.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.7	5.9	6.0	-0.2	-0.3
Greater Sudbury	5.1	5.1	6.1	0.0	-1.0
Toronto	7.2	7.5	7.7	-0.3	-0.5
Winnipeg	5.1	5.3	5.3	-0.2	-0.2
Regina	2.9	2.9	3.8	0.0	-0.9
Saskatoon	3.4	3.1	3.6	0.3	-0.2
Calgary	4.4	4.1	4.4	0.3	0.0
Edmonton	4.5	4.9	5.0	-0.4	-0.5
Vancouver	5.5	6.0	6.0	-0.5	-0.5
Victoria	4.8	4.7	4.6	0.1	0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
ECONOMIC REGIONS					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	180.3	180.6	174.2	-0.3	6.1
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.4	52.5	51.6	-0.1	0.8
Saskatoon-Biggar	199.4	199.9	193.2	-0.5	6.2
Yorkton-Melville	38.9	38.7	37.7	0.2	1.2
Prince Albert & Northern	99.5	101.2	97.5	-1.7	2.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER
(3 Month Moving Average)

	December <u>2014</u>	November <u>2014</u>	December <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	588.9	590.4	574.9	-1.5	14.0
Employed ('000)	570.5	572.8	555.1	-2.3	15.4
Unemployed ('000)	18.5	17.7	19.9	0.8	-1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1	3.0	3.5	0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.8	69.0	-0.3	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	67.4	67.7	66.6	-0.3	0.8
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	542.1	543.5	526.9	-1.4	15.2
Employed ('000)	527.9	530.1	511.8	-2.2	16.1
Unemployed ('000)	14.2	13.4	15.0	0.8	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.6	2.5	2.9	0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	70.4	69.3	-0.2	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	68.3	68.7	67.4	-0.4	0.9
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	46.8	47.0	48.0	-0.2	-1.2
Employed ('000)	42.5	42.7	43.2	-0.2	-0.7
Unemployed ('000)	4.3	4.3	4.8	0.0	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.1	9.1	10.0	0.0	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	63.1	63.3	65.8	-0.2	-2.7
Employment Rate (%)	57.3	57.5	59.2	-0.2	-1.9
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18.4	17.9	19.3	0.5	-0.9
Employed ('000)	15.9	15.3	16.4	0.6	-0.5
Unemployed ('000)	2.5	2.6	2.9	-0.1	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.7	14.7	15.0	-1.0	-1.3
Participation Rate (%)	56.3	54.8	60.2	1.5	-3.9
Employment Rate (%)	48.6	46.8	51.2	1.8	-2.6
<u>MÉTIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	28.4	29.0	28.7	-0.6	-0.3
Employed ('000)	26.6	27.4	26.8	-0.8	-0.2
Unemployed ('000)	1.7	1.6	1.9	0.1	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	5.5	6.7	0.6	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	70.0	70.3	-1.5	-1.8
Employment Rate (%)	64.4	66.2	65.6	-1.8	-1.2

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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